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EXPANSION OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the expansion of Rural Electrification Scheme in Tamil Nadu during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the estimated expenditure incurred in this regard; and

(c) the number of persons benefited in Tamil Nadu by this scheme during the plan period upto March, 2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Tamil Nadu had achieved 100% village electrification before the commencement of the Ninth Five Year Plan. Therefore, no target was fixed for village electrification during the above mentioned plan for the State of Tamil Nadu.

However, in order to achieve the national objective of electrification of all households by 2012, Government of India has released an amount of Rs.11.736 crores in 2001-02 under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) to Tamil Nadu for ruralelectrification/load intensification during the year 2001-02. Planning Commission has made an allocation of Rs.115.47 crores for all the six components of PMGY includingrural electrification, as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to Tamil Nadu for the year2002-2003. Under the revised guidelines, the States have flexibility to decide their interse allocation of ACA among the six PMGY sectors according to their own plan priorities and discretion. In addition, during the Ninth Plan period, REC released anamount of Rs.603.61 crore to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board under REC financed scheme for augmentation and strengthening of distribution system.